

Mount Vernon Master Plan  
Transportation & Parking Committee Meeting  
August 8, 2012

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Tom Spence (Mt. Vernon Resident)  
Ed Cohen (Mt. Vernon Resident)  
Faith Milspaugh (Mt. Vernon Club)  
Mary Carpenter (Mt. Vernon Club)  
Lance Decker (MVBA)  
Steve Shen (MVBA)  
Theo Ngongang (BCDOT)

### Meeting:

- Review
  - Minutes from previous meeting
  - 5 guiding principles to serve as the basis for future recommendations
    - Traffic
    - Lighting
    - Streetscaping
    - Parking
    - Transit
- General Discussion
  - Benches locations throughout Mt Vernon
    - Some benches seem to be wrongly located and/or do not serve their original intent/purpose
  - Bus stops and bus shelters
    - Need to look at MTA's standards recently issued
  - Review of University of Baltimore's letter (input from Jeff Lanoue) - see attached
- Focus of Meeting: Traffic
  - Group determined that St Paul Street should be the primary focus of recommendations to address traffic issues
    - Traffic counts
      - Thru traffic numbers( 16,000 average daily cars per day, weekdays and weekends)
      - Daily AM and PM peak period car counts (average of 1,300 in AM and 1,100 in PM)
    - Goal: Find ways to reduce traffic volume (cut it in half) and divert traffic to Guilford Avenue
      - Strategies to achieve goal:

- Signal timing at all six intersections in Mt Vernon (in concert with east-west streets and intersections, mainly on Biddle, Preston, Madison and Centre Streets)
  - Converting St Paul to two-way traffic
  - Applying some complete streets principles such as bump-outs at intersections
- Group discussed Park Street issues (increasing traffic volumes during peak time)
- Group would like an analysis done (running a traffic model) but BCDOT does not have the capability in-house. Idea to hire a consultant (or utilize the one conducting the Parking Study) was mentioned.
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday August 29th at 6:30PM**
  - Focus on Traffic and Parking